

## Kaminsky Says He Pleaded Guilty As Spy on Red Pledge of Leniency

VIENNA, Oct. 18 (AP).—A young American teacher, convicted by a Soviet court as a spy, said today he pleaded guilty to espionage charges because the Russians told him he would get a light sentence.

Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, of near Niles, Mich., was sentenced September 16 to seven years imprisonment. The sentence was suspended and he was expelled from the Soviet Union, where he had been touring with a companion.

Mr. Kaminsky said he was not badly treated—he even got into long discussions with the Soviet prosecutor on who would win the United States elections—and his trial was carefully managed by the Russians.

"They gave me a lawyer," he said. "He was not of much assistance, but he cheered me up. He advised me to confess to the charge wholeheartedly and tell the court I felt very remorseful. He stressed the part about 'remorseful' time and again."

At his news conference, however, Mr. Kaminsky denied he was a spy.

"I did not carry out espionage nor did I confess to espionage," Mr. Kaminsky said. "I did confess though that I was getting material for a book."

He explained later that under Soviet law the material he

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Harvey C. Bennett, 26 (left), and Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, at a news conference in Vienna today.—AP Wirephoto via radio from Frankfurt.

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